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California Energy Commission **Business Meeting Agenda**

December 19, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In-person at:
California Natural Resources Building
715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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THE CEC WILL CONSIDER AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Public Comment.

Any person wishing to comment on information items (non-voting items) shall provide comments during this period.

2. Agency Announcements.

The Chair may announce relevant matters to the public and the CEC, including agency updates, events, and other opportunities. Discussion may follow.

3. Consent Calendar.

Items will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.

- a. Marshall Medical Center. Proposed resolution approving agreement 001-25-ECI with the Marshall Medical Center for a \$3,000,000 one-percent interest Energy Conservation Assistance Account (ECAA) loan, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The loan will finance a 1.09 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic system at one site in El Dorado County. The project is estimated to reduce 1.51 megawatt hours of electricity consumption and save \$537,213 in utility costs per year. (ECAA Funding) Contact: Jonathan Fong.

4. Information Item - San Francisco Bay Ferry/San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

San Francisco Bay Ferry/WETA leadership to provide an update on the implementation of phases one and two of San Francisco Bay Ferry's Rapid Electric Emission Free Ferry (REEF) Program. The REEF Program is shifting the San Francisco Bay Ferry vessel fleet to battery electric zero emission technology to reduce pollution and lower operating costs. Contact: Seamus Murphy (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

5. Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (Docket 21-RPS-02).

Proposed resolution adopting the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. California's RPS Program sets renewable energy procurement requirements for the state's load-serving entities. The RPS Eligibility Guidebook describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying facilities as RPS-eligible and the rules and process for verifying renewable energy certificates for compliance with the RPS program. The RPS Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition, includes refinements and clarifications to reflect recent statutory, market, and regulatory developments to improve program effectiveness. Contact: Yoseph Saeed (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

6. Willow Rock Energy Storage Center Application for Certification (Docket 21-AFC-02).

Public hearing to consider the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) on the application for certification submitted by Gem A-CAES, LLC for a 520 MW advanced compressed air energy storage facility known as Willow Rock Energy Storage Center to be located in Kern County. The public hearing is convened pursuant to CCR, title 20, section 1747 to consider the application, evidence, and

proposed decision, as reflected in Docket Number 21-AFC-02. The CEC shall consider any final oral and written statements of the parties, interested agencies, and members of the public, and further consider the Hearing Officer's recommendation to adopt the proposed Final Decision together with Conditions of Certification and Errata describing changes made to and public comment on the PMPD, certifying the construction and operation of the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center. Contact: Reneé Webster-Hawkins (Hearing Officer Presentation: 10 minutes)

7. Opt-In Certification: Fountain Wind Project (Docket 23-OPT-01).

Proposed order adopting the Executive Director's recommendation, per Public Resources Code section 25545.6 and CCR, title 20, section 1879(c), to deny the Fountain Wind Project's application for certification to construct and operate the project, which is a proposed 205 MW wind energy generation facility in unincorporated Shasta County. The recommendation is based on the entire record of the proceeding and project-specific factors, notably 1) findings based on substantial evidence in the record that the project would result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that are specific to the Fountain Wind Project, and 2) that the particular circumstances of the Fountain Wind Project do not support a statement of overriding considerations for the environmental impacts. Contact: Kaycee Chang (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

8. Lead Commissioner and Presiding Member Reports.

Lead commissioners on policy matters and presiding members on delegated committees may report to the CEC on relevant matters and discussion may follow.

9. Executive Director's Report.

10. Public Advisor's Report.

11. Chief Counsel's Report.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another person or employee.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss pending litigation, including the following matters:
 - i. Shasta County and Pit River Tribe, et al. v. California Energy Commission (Shasta County Superior Court, Case No. 23CV-0203737)

- ii. California Fuels and Convenience Alliance v. California Energy Commission, et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000058)
 - iii. Interlink Products International, Inc. v. California Energy Commission (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000001)
 - iv. California Energy Commission v. KIGT, Inc., et al. (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV018816)
 - v. City of San Juan Capistrano v. California Energy Commission (Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2025-01507450)
 - vi. State of Washington, et al. v. U.S. Department of Transportation, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-00848-TL)
 - vii. State of New York, et al. v. Donald Trump, et al. (United States District Court, District of Rhode Island, Case No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS)
 - viii. State of New York, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al. (United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11221-WGY)
 - ix. State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Department of Energy, et al. (United States District Court, District of Oregon, Case No. 6:25-cv-01458-MTK)
 - x. State of Arizona, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-02015-TMC)
 - xi. Maryland Clean Energy Center, et al. v. United States of America (United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 25-1738 C)
- c. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to deliberate on a decision to be reached in the following proceedings the state body is required by law to conduct:
- i. Morton Bay Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-01
 - ii. Elmore North Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-02
 - iii. Black Rock Geothermal Project, Docket 23-AFC-03
 - iv. Willow Rock Energy Storage Center, Docket 21-AFC-02
- d. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss any judicial or administrative proceeding that was formally initiated after this agenda was published; to discuss whether to initiate litigation; or to discuss a significant exposure to litigation against the CEC.

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